

Sudbury, Ont.—The Sudbury Opera House Company, of this place, has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000, for the purpose of building an opera house in Sudbury.

Vancouver, B. C.—Alderman W. J. Cavanagh, of this city, has had plans prepared for a hotel to cost \$100,000, to be located on Granville street, to be six stories high, and consist of twenty rooms, 40 bathrooms. Work will be started in the near future.

Opera Houses, Rinks, Etc.

Berlin, Ont.—Myer Cohen, manager of the present opera house here, has been negotiating for the erection of a new opera house with a false floor, so that the auditorium could be used for balls, etc. The council are considering the matter.

Edmonton, Alta.—McKinnon & Murphy have purchased the Orpheum and Lyric Theatres here, and they propose to make extensive additions to both these buildings in the near future.

Elmira, Ont.—J. S. Welchel, D. D. Itz and Peter Mattusch are a committee appointed by the citizens of this place to collect data re the building of a rink, which will be commenced in the near future.

Stratford, Ont.—J. N. Billow, contractor here, is pushing to a successful issue the proposal to construct a skating rink to have concrete foundations and steel superstructure, with an ice surface of 170 x 85 ft., and to be fitted with skates, benches and other conveniences for hockeyists. It will probably be completed by the new year.

Forest, Ont.—A movement is on foot here and subscription lists have been opened looking to the erection of a large skating rink in this place, and is receiving hearty support.

Roland, Man.—The Park Co., of this place, propose to erect at once a rink to cost about \$5,000.

Fernie, B. C.—Mr. G. G. Moffat, of this city, has been appointed secretary of a company which will erect a rink here. \$2,000 has already been raised. Architect Gray, of this city, will prepare the plans.

Huntington, P. Q.—Gilmour & Shearer, of this place, have been awarded the contract for the erection of a skating rink 170 x 70 ft., to cost \$5,500.

Schools and Colleges

Toronto.—The trustees of St. Margaret's College, 144 east Bloor street, Toronto, will erect a three storey brick addition to their present premises, at a cost of \$6,000.

Toronto.—At the last meeting of the school board, here, tenders were awarded for the erection of the proposed Kent school, to cost \$33,000.

Toronto.—The plans for the proposed Knox College on University Lane, and Rev. Dr. John Gray was appointed financial agent to receive the building of same. It is expected tenders will be called for in the near future.

East Toronto, Ont.—Tenders will be called by the school board of East Toronto, for the repairs necessary to render the old school building, formerly used as a school for the boys, into a school was built, suitable for the accommodation of pupils. It contains four rooms.

London, Ont.—The trustees of the Western Medical school here, propose to erect a large medical school on property which they have purchased near Victoria hospital.

Toronto Junction.—Architect Ellis has prepared plans for additions and improvements to the collegiate institute here, to cost \$16,000. The Property Committee, of the Toronto Junction Council will report on the matter.

Hamilton, Stratford, Peterborough, North Bay, Ont.—Purdy Mansell & Co., of Toronto, have been awarded the contracts for the plumbing and heating of the normal schools at the above places. Fred. Armstrong & Co., Toronto, the contracts for the wiring and electric lighting of the same. The aggregate of the contracts amounts to about \$62,000.

Guelph, Ont.—The board of education here, at a meeting held recently, decided to ask the city council to issue debentures for the \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school, and additions to the present structures.

Whitby, Ont.—The trustees of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, are having plans prepared for the new library, gymnasium, and swimming tank, and additional dormitory buildings, which it is proposed to have erected in connection with the college in the near future.

Guelph, Ont.—The council here will submit a by-law, at the next elections, for the expenditure of \$15,000, for the erection of a school in St. Patrick's ward.

Norway, Ont.—Contracts have been awarded for a brick Sunday school building for John's church, Norway, to cost \$15,000, as follows: Mason work, Moses & Co., Todmorden; carpenter work, A. R. Bright, Toronto. Tenders for balance of work are in and awards are to be made this week, by C. F. Wagner, architect, Toronto street, Toronto.

Hamilton, Ont.—The Government of Ontario has promised a stipendation from Hamilton that they would, in the near future, erect a technical college in Hamilton. The stipendation was headed by J. S. Hendrie, of Hamilton.

London, Ont.—Chairman Fitzgerald, of the Board of Education, has, at the meeting of the board the second Tuesday in November, brought in a recommendation that the board ask the city council to provide debentures in the next year's estimates for the purpose of erecting a technical school here.

Islington, Ont.—The council of Islington, known as school section No. 14, lately created, has passed a by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$7,000 for the purpose of building a school for the district. Work will commence as soon as tenders have been called, which will be in the near future.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—The Public School Board, of this place, have asked the city council to submit a by-law to the people at the next elections, on January 6, for the raising of \$23,000, to build a four-roomed school in the centre of the city, and a school at the east end of the city, at a cost of \$12,000 and \$7,000 respectively, both buildings to be constructed so as to admit of extensions.

Kingston, Ont.—The Berlin Interior Hardwood Co., of Berlin, Ont, have been awarded the contract, at a price of \$3,000, for the woodwork of the new laboratories of Queen's College. The total cost of the building will be \$50,000.

Mimico, Ont.—The by-law to raise \$7,000 for the erection of a new school for S.S. 11, Ontario, has been passed by the Mimico Council, and it is expected work will be commenced in the near future.

Milverton, Ont.—A by-law to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting a school house in Union school section No. 11, has been passed by the municipal council.

Paris, Ont.—Tenders have been received by Architects Simpson & Young, Toronto street, Toronto, for an eleven roomed brick and cut stone school house two stories high, to cost \$30,000. Specifications include maple floors, tar and gravel roof (flat) and steam heating system.

Water Bay, B. C.—The Dominion Government propose to have erected this winter a school for the accommodation of at least fifty girls. Mr. Halliday, the Indian agent, will have charge of the erection of same.

Winnipeg.—The Board of Missions of the Methodist church has voted \$5,000 for the erection of a kindergarten in the northern part of Winnipeg.

Victoria, B. C.—The contract for the Victoria West school has been awarded to Loney Bros., of this city. Plans for same, were prepared by architect W. Ridgeway Wilson, of this city. Contract price \$23,200.

East Kildonan, Man.—Architect V. W. Horwood, of Winnipeg, Man., has been asked to prepare plans for a four roomed school building for this place, to cost \$15,000, two storeys in height, of brick and stone. Tenders will be called for shortly.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The collegiate board here, composed of A. W. Irwin, Jos. E. Battell and Thos. Miller, have decided to secure a larger site than the one already chosen for the erection of a collegiate institute. As soon as this matter can be arranged plans will be drawn up and the tenders called for.

Edmonton, Alta.—The Hon. Rutherford, Premier of the province of Alberta, states that his government intend establishing a university here.

Montreal, P. Q.—Architects Hutchinson & Wood, of Montreal, have been commissioned to prepare plans for alterations to the Savard street Protestant school here, to cost \$21,000. Tenders will be called for shortly.

Montreal, P. Q.—Architects Gauthier & Daoust, of this city, have been instructed to prepare plans for the School for Higher Commercial Education, by the administrators of this proposed structure.

Quebec, P. Q.—Mr. Babin, contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract for the erection and completion of the new fire station in St. John's ward, here, at a price of \$20,955.

Quebec, P. Q.—V. D. Baillarge, city engineer, has received tenders for the erection of a fire hall here.

Chicoutimi, P. Q.—Adolphe Beaulieu, of this place, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the proposed \$40,000 school, for which Architect Rene P. LeMay, 17-19 D'Alguillon street, Quebec city, prepared the plans. The building will have concrete foundation, brick superstructure, asbestos lap seal roof, hot water heating, electric lighting, pressed steel floor finish, fire escape.

Quebec, P. Q.—Architects Ouellette & Levesque, 117 St. John street, Quebec, have awarded contracts for a \$6,500 school for the Catholic Schools Commission, Fraserville, P. Q., to George St. Pierre & Co., Quebec. The proposed structure will have stone foundation, wood superstructure, hot air heating, modern plumbing, galvanized iron roof, spruce interior finish.

St. John, N. B.—The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe is authority for the statement that the college of St. Marie de Monnoir, which was recently burned in Mariville, will be erected in St.

Halifax, N. S.—Architect Herbert E. Gates, of Halifax, has prepared plans for a technical school for the city of Halifax, to cost \$60,000, to have stone foundation, brick superstructure, fireproof construction. Specifications include metallic roof, steel heating, electric lighting and modern plumbing.

Italy Clamoring for Wood Paving Blocks

REGARDING the opportunity the American wood and lumber manufacturer might have in disposing of his articles on the Italian market a correspondent in Milan writes that there is a particularly good opening for wooden paving blocks.

Asphalt has proved to be a very serviceable street paving in Milan and the municipality is using it whenever possible. In recent years this system has gained great headway in Italy, and at present some of the most important streets in the different cities are paved with it. The distinctly modern look of Milan is largely due to the increased area asphalted. A good future in Italy is predicted for this system of paving. The first asphalt was laid in Milan by one of the minor streets in 1897, taking the place of wood. The following figures show the great increase of this paving in Milan in recent years: 1901, 3,871 square feet; 1902, 52,302 square feet; 1903, 501,349 square feet. At first the Milan municipality thought it impossible to run car lines through asphalted streets, but two years ago trolley lines were run through five or six such streets as an experiment and they have since proved satisfactory. The asphalt used is of Italian preparation.

Trolley tracks on asphalted streets in Milan are supported on either side by small wooden blocks, measuring 2 1/2 by 3 1/2-16 by 3/8 inches. These blocks save the asphalt greatly, and in the future when trolley tracks are laid on asphalted streets in Milan, these blocks will be used. They are imported from one Australian firm. Their quality is very good, but the Milan authorities think they are paying rather high prices and are now looking for an opportunity to import from somewhere else. This is a good opportunity for the American wood and lumber manufacturer.

The blocks must be of the hardest and most durable wood and be able to stand all weathers without rotting or warping, or, in three words, be well seasoned. It is absolutely essential to dry and place unseasoned stock. It is not wanted. The Milan municipality is said to be willing to pay even more to get good quality. The price now is \$7.72 per 100. If the American manufacturer can supply blocks, as described, for this work or less, he may consider his chance opportunity to sell carblocks in Milan alone, and if they give good results here, there will be a demand for them in the whole of Italy. The wood that will be preferred must be in the first place of good quality, and in the second place of cheap in price. Quality is the chief of the most. American manufacturers should correspond directly with the Milan municipality in Italian or French, preferably in Italian, stating prices and terms of payment. The terms should be liberal as possible. If a possible block should accompany the letter. If the price and quality of the American stock is considered satisfactory, the municipality would probably order one carload for a test. There is a place especially assigned for such experiments. All wood except ebony enters Italy duty free.